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To: Interested Parties

From: Hank Hudson, Administrator
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Re: ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report – FY 2007

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is accepting public comments on the ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report. The 30-day comment period begins with the posting of the report on the DPHHS Internet website March 19, 2007. Federal review is concurrent with the public comment period, which will end April 19, 2007.

Section 407(b)(3) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) requires a reduction of the State's required participation rate for a fiscal year by the number of percentage points that the average monthly number of families receiving assistance in the State in the immediate preceding fiscal year is less than the average monthly number of families that received assistance in the State in the fiscal year (FY) 2005. The statute prohibits the caseload reduction credit from including any caseload declines due to requirements of Federal law or due to differences in State eligibility criteria.

To receive a caseload reduction credit, the State must complete Form ACF-202, the Caseload Reduction Report, in accordance with the regulations in 45 CFR 261.40 et seq., Section 407 (b)(3) of the Social Security Act and the DRA. The FY 2007 report provides the information needed to calculate a caseload reduction credit (FY 2006 vs. FY 2005), and thus determine the participation standard the State must meet for the fiscal year.

The ACF-202 TANF Caseload Reduction Report – FY 2007 may be viewed via the Internet at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/tanfcaseloadreport.shtml> or a copy may be requested by calling (406) 444-9478 or writing to Del Bock, Public Assistance Bureau, P.O. Box 202925, Helena, MT 59620.

Comments may be sent to Del Bock, TANF Policy Specialist at Public Assistance Bureau, P.O. Box 202925, Helena, MT 59620.

Thank you for your interest!